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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: SHIPPING - PRICE OF BUNKER FUELS

1. WATERMAN STEAMSHIP LINES REPORTS THAT ITS AGENTS IN IRAN HAVE BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY THAT GOI AUTHORITIES (NIOC) CONSIDERING SETTING MARINE BUNKER PRICE DIFFERENTIAL BASED ON FLAG OF REGISTRY, WHEREBY IRAN-FLAG VESSELS WOULD BE GIVEN SPECIAL ALLOWANCE TO OFFSET RECENT BUNKER PRICE INCREASES WHICH IN TURN REFLECTED OVERALL PRICE INCREASE IN IRAN CRUDE.

2. AS EMBASSY AWARE, USG POLICY ON BUNKERS IS ONE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION IN REGARD TO FLAG OF REGISTRY. ADDITIONALLY, THIS POLICY MAY BE MODIFIED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS SHOULD US-FLAG OR US TRADE VESSELS FAIL TO RECEIVE SIMILAR NON-DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT IN FOREIGN PORTS. PRICE DISCRIMINATION OF THE TYPE ENVISIONED BY THE PLAN DESCRIBED BY WATERMAN WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST US-FLAG VESSELS. IN VIEW OF ABOVE US POLICY,
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US OPERATORS WOULD NO DOUBT REQUEST DEPARTMENT INTERVENE

ON THEIR BEHALF TO ASSURE NON-DISCRIMINATION IN PORTS OF IRAN. DEPARTMENT ALSO AWARE OF IRAN'S UNIQUE POSITION AS SUPPLIER OF OIL.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DISCREETLY INVESTIGATE REPORT MENTIONED IN PARA 1 ABOVE AND INFORM DEPARTMENT, TOGETHER WITH ANY COMMENTS, IN LIGHT OF CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN PARA 2. KISSINGER

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